

By E-Mail

Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary  
Trade Policy Staff Committee  
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

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***Re: Steel, Investigation No. TA-201-73; Exclusion Request***

Dear Ms. Blue:

We are writing in response to the exclusion request for Alform 700 sheet filed by Voest-Alpine Steel Corporation. Leeco Steel is a U.S. distributor of high strength, quenched & tempered, corrosion resistant, and abrasion resistant sheet and plate. Alform 700 sheet is currently being sold to customers that manufacture spreader cranes, crane booms, and truck trailers. Alform 700 sheet offers advantages such as surface quality, improved yield strength, and excellent formability.

Currently U.S. Steel and LTV are the only mills in the United States that are capable of producing a product similar to the Alform 700 sheet. U.S. Steel has not made the product for over three years but is doing trials on the material once again. LTV is able to make a similar product, an as rolled sheet with 100,000 min psi of yield strength, but it is very likely that they will be ceasing operations on December 4, 2001. Due to the advantages mentioned above, the product has gained increased popularity over the last few years and there will be no reliable domestic producers of the product in the short-term future.

Accordingly, we ask that Alform 700 sheet be excluded from any safeguard measures imposed by the President.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Denton J. Nordhues  
Vice President – Operations  
Leeco Steel Products, Inc.